

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:
 - selecting at least one frame of a video file at a first location;
 - communicating the selecting of said at least one frame of a video file to a second location;
 - viewing said at least one frame of a video file at said first location and said second location;
 - issuing a command at said second location regarding a control operation of said video file;
 - transmitting a command signal from said second location to said first location in response to said issued command;
 - receiving, at said first location, said command signal;
 - broadcasting said command signal from said first location to said second location; and
 - performing, at said first location and said second location, said control operation in response to receipt of said command signal.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
 - communicating the selecting of said at least one frame of a video file to a third location;
 - viewing said at least one frame of said video file at said third location with said first location and said second location;
 - wherein said broadcasting said command signal from said first location to said second location further comprises broadcasting said command signal to said third location; and
 - performing, at said first location, said second location and said third location, said control operation in response to receipt of said command signal.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said command signal comprises a one byte command identification.

4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said control operation is performed at said first location substantially simultaneously as said control operation is performed at said second location.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 3, wherein one bit of said one byte command identification comprises one of stop, play, forward, reverse and pause of said video file and a pointer command.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said command signal comprises a pointer coordinate position of a video screen.
7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said command signal comprises a frame number of said video file.
8. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
 - selecting a video to view at a first system;
 - communicating the selecting of the video to a second system and a third system;
 - providing a video on a first screen of a said first system, a second screen of said second system and a third screen of said third system;
 - issuing a command at said second system regarding a control operation of said video file;
 - transmitting a command signal from said second system to said first system in response to [[to]] said issued command;
 - broadcasting said command signal from said first system to said second system and said third system; and
 - performing an operation corresponding to said transmitted command signal at said first system, said second system and said third system in response to receipt of said command signal.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein said operation is performed at said first system substantially simultaneously as said operation is performed at said second system and said third system.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein said command signal comprises a one byte command identification, and one bit of the one byte command identification represents one of stop, play, forward, reverse and pause of said video and a pointer command.

11. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said command signal comprises a pointer coordinate position of a video screen representing specific coordinates of said video screen.

12. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein said command signal comprises a frame number of said video signal representing a specific frame number of said video.

13. (Previously Presented) A method comprising:

selecting a video to view at a first system;
communicating the selecting of the video to a second system;
displaying the video on a first video screen associated with the first system;
displaying said video on a second video screen associated with the second system; and
substantially simultaneously performing at least one operation on said first video screen and said second video screen by transmitting at least one command signal across a communications network from said second system to said first system, and broadcasting said at least one command signal to said second system from said first system across the communication network.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13, further comprising:

communicating the selecting of the video to a third system;
displaying said video on a third video screen associated with a said third system;

wherein broadcasting said at least one command signal to said second system from said first system across the communication network further comprises substantially simultaneously broadcasting said at least one command signal to said second system and said third system from said first system across the communication network; and

performing said at least one operation on said third video screen substantially simultaneously as said at least one operation performed on said first video screen and said second video screen.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein said at least one command signal comprises a one byte command identification, wherein one bit of the command identification comprises one of stop, play, forward, reverse and pause of said video and a pointer command.

16. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said at least one command signal comprises a pointer coordinate position of a video screen representing specific coordinates of said video screen.

17. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein said at least one command signal comprises a frame number of said video representing a specific frame number of said video.

18. (Currently Amended) A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform a method comprising:

launching a synchronous player program at a first computer system;

selecting a video file for viewing at said first computer system;

displaying the video file at said first computer system;

communicating the selecting of said a video file to a second computer system causing said second computer system to launch a synchronous player program and display the video file at said second computer system;

broadcasting a first command signal from said first computer system to said second computer system regarding a first control operation of said video file, wherein said first command signal causes said second computer system to perform said first control operation;

performing said first control operation on said first computer system;

receiving a second command signal from said second computer system regarding a second control operation of said video file;

broadcasting said second command signal from said first computer system to said second computer system, wherein said second command signal causes said second computer system to perform said second control operation in response to receipt of said second command signal; and

performing said second control operation on said first computer system in response to receipt of said second command signal.

19. (Previously Presented) The program storage device of claim 18, wherein said command signal comprises a one byte command identification, wherein one bit of the command identification comprises one of stop, play, forward, reverse and pause of said video file and a pointer command.

20. (Original) The program storage device of claim 18, wherein said command signal comprises a pointer coordinate position of a video screen.

21. (Original) The program storage device of claim 18, wherein said command signal comprises a frame number of said video file.

22. (Previously Presented) A computer system comprising at least one processing unit, at least a video display and at least one storage device, said storage device tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the processing unit to perform a method comprising:

broadcasting a first command signal from said computer system to another computer system regarding a first control operation of a video file;

performing said first control operation on said computer system;
receiving a second command signal from said another computer system regarding a second control operation of said video file;
broadcasting said second command signal from said computer system to said another computer system, wherein said second command signal causes said another computer system to perform said second control operation in response to receipt of said second command signal; and
performing said second control operation on said computer system in response to receipt of said second command signal from said another computer system.

23. (Previously Presented) The program storage device of claim 22, wherein said command signal comprises a one byte command identification, wherein one bit of the one byte command identification comprises one of stop, play, forward, reverse and pause of said video file and a pointer command.

24. (Original) The program storage device of claim 22, wherein said command signal comprises a pointer coordinate position of said video display.

25. (Original) The program storage device of claim 22, wherein said command signal comprises a frame number of said video file.